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**RESPONSE AFTER NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE**

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Dear Sir:

In the Examiner's comment included with the Notice of Allowance mailed May 29, 2009, the Examiner requested that the Applicants provide the name, residence, and signature of the legal representative for the deceased inventor Jeffrey Blewett. The requested information is as follows:

Name: Goretti Medeiros

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For the requested signature, please see the attached copy of a General Power of Attorney executed by Goretti Medeiros.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this Amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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